

**General Government
Board of Elections**

	Revised FY 2006	Requested FY 2007	Requested FY 2008	Recommended FY 2007	Recommended FY 2008
SOURCE OF FUNDS					
General Fund					
Regular Appropriation	3,046,400	4,773,700	4,616,100	4,878,500	4,861,900
Continuing Appropriation	1,100,000				
Salary Compensation Fund	30,700				
Total General Fund	4,177,100	4,773,700	4,616,100	4,878,500	4,861,900
Restricted Funds					
Balance Forward	9,200	52,100	55,000	52,100	34,500
Current Receipts	100,000	60,000	80,000	60,000	60,000
Total Restricted Funds	109,200	112,100	135,000	112,100	94,500
Federal Funds					
Balance Forward	38,428,500	15,628,500	5,628,500	15,628,500	5,628,500
Total Federal Funds	38,428,500	15,628,500	5,628,500	15,628,500	5,628,500
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	42,714,800	20,514,300	10,379,600	20,619,100	10,584,900
EXPENDITURES BY CLASS					
Personnel Cost	930,700	1,115,400	1,177,500	961,400	950,900
Operating Expenses	724,000	808,900	808,000	713,800	713,800
Grants, Loans or Benefits	25,379,500	12,906,500	8,316,200	13,280,900	8,919,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,034,200	14,830,800	10,301,700	14,956,100	10,584,300
EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE					
General Fund	4,177,100	4,773,700	4,616,100	4,878,500	4,861,900
Restricted Funds	57,100	57,100	57,100	77,600	93,900
Federal Funds	22,800,000	10,000,000	5,628,500	10,000,000	5,628,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,034,200	14,830,800	10,301,700	14,956,100	10,584,300
EXPENDITURES BY UNIT					
General Administration and Support	1,654,700	1,924,300	1,985,500	1,675,200	1,664,700
State Share of County Election Expenses		980,800	905,800	1,881,500	1,811,600
State Share of Voter Registration Expenses	1,479,500	1,399,400	1,485,600	1,399,400	1,479,500
Election Fund	23,900,000	10,526,300	5,924,800	10,000,000	5,628,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,034,200	14,830,800	10,301,700	14,956,100	10,584,300

The State Board of Elections administers the election laws of the state (KRS Chapters 116, 117, 118, 118A, 119, and 120) and supervises the registration and purgation of voters. The Board is responsible for canvassing returns, certifying successful candidates, maintaining the statewide list of registered voters, and paying local election officers.

The Board is chaired by the Secretary of State. Six other members are appointed by the Governor.

General Administration and Support

The General Administration and Support program objectives are to maintain an up-to-date computerized record of registered voters in the state, certify election results, produce precinct rosters, issue certification of nomination and election, train county clerks in election duties, and conduct a nonpartisan voter education program.

Kentucky leads the nation with the implementation of the National Voter Registration Act (Motor Voter) and the on-line voter registration system. The system provides for:

- On-line inquiry which enables the county clerks to view the registration and voting record of each current registrant.
- Daily file maintenance which allows the county clerk to enter new registrants, transfer a registrant, or make the proper registration change on a local level. Once entered, this information is electronically transmitted to the statewide central file at the State Board of Elections in Frankfort.
- Printing and distribution of precinct rosters and alphabetical rosters to the county clerks for use on Election Day. This process begins when the books are closed and all changes, additions, and deletions are made to the file. The primary election consists of approximately 500,000 documents and the general election consists of approximately 275,000 documents. Post election activities include giving credit to all voters who voted on Election Day. This data is scanned into the system allowing the agency to update the voter files, produce voter turnout reports, and prepare various other reports including vital data to candidates.

State Share of County Election Expenses

The State Share of County Election Expenses program pays all precincts the state's statutory share of county election expenses.

The state currently has 3,506 precincts with over 2.8 million registered voters. The number of precincts increases as registration totals increase and as reapportionment of county commissioner/magisterial districts and congressional and state redistricting occur.

State Share of Voter Registration Expenses

The State Board of Elections remits payment to the county clerk of the state amount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for registration of voters pursuant to KRS 116.145. There is a significant increase of newly registered voters in years that county and presidential candidates are on the ballot.

The State Board of Elections remits reimbursement to county clerks an amount not to exceed fifty cents (\$0.50) per registered voter in the county per year for the cost of employing office personnel necessary for the conduct of elections, including the registration and purgation of voters in the county pursuant to KRS 117.343 and KRS 116.112(7).

Election Fund

On October 29, 2002, President George W. Bush signed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) into law. HAVA is a federal response to the irregularities in voting systems and processes seen in certain states during the 2000 Presidential election.

Kentucky continues to lead the nation in the implementation of the Help America Vote Act and in many cases, serves as a model for other states. The Act imposed new election requirements on states and called for the upgrade of voting machines to be in compliance by January 1, 2006.

The State Board of Elections is responsible for the administration and distribution of the \$37 million in federal funds awarded to Kentucky. As of December 2005, 77 counties have been reimbursed for implementing handicap accessible voting machines, in-house absentee voting machines, and optical scan absentee ballot systems. The remaining 43 counties will be reimbursed as they submit documentation of compliance for a total amount of eligible funds available for new voting equipment across the Commonwealth in the amount of \$20 million dollars. The balance of funding will be used to meet various other requirements such as a voting system audit trail, provisional voting, voter education, poll worker training, enhancement of the statewide voter registration system, handicap accessibility, and election administration technology for the counties.

Policy

Included in the General Fund appropriation is \$3,280,900 in fiscal year 2007 and \$3,291,100 in fiscal year 2008 to pay the state's share of county election expenses and the state's share of voter registration expenses. Any unexpended balance remaining at the close of each fiscal year shall lapse to the credit of the General Fund. Any amount that the state is required to pay in excess of the above amounts shall be deemed a Necessary Governmental Expense and shall be paid from the General Fund.

Notwithstanding KRS 117.345(2), the maximum state payment rate is increased this biennium from \$255 to \$300 for each precinct containing a voting machine. Any amount the state is required to pay in excess of the above amounts shall be deemed Necessary Governmental Expenses and shall be paid from the General Fund.

Costs associated with special elections and additional precincts created by redistricting or reapportionment shall be deemed Necessary Governmental Expenses and be paid from the General Fund.

The Help America Vote Act, Section 254 (7), requires the state to maintain the expenditures of the state for activities funded by the payment at a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained by the state for the fiscal year ending prior to November 2000. Kentucky's maintenance of effort requirement is \$1,303,200. Any funding below this amount would result in loss of federal funds.

The Governor's recommended budget fully funds the five percent state match required for the \$37 million in federal dollars available to our state to implement the new mandates.

Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any unexpended General Fund continuing appropriation to match HAVA federal funds shall not lapse and shall carry forward into the following fiscal year.

Any amount required to match federal funds for the Help America Vote Act shall be deemed necessary governmental expense and shall be paid from the General Fund.